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She was a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a sister-in-law of Pittsburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claire Payne Kelso and Nigh (Daniel) Kelso of Pittsburg; her husband, Russell E. Carney; a sister, Millie Kelso Milne of Laguna Hills, Calif.; and a brother, John D. Kelso of Pittsburg.

Services will be 3 p.m. today at the John Knox Presbyterian Church at Tulsa. Moore's Rosewood of Tulsa is in charge of arrangements.

The family of Helen Kelso Carney suggests expressions of sympathy be in the form of memorials to the Pittsburg State University Foreign Language Department.
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Nellie A. Blasor

Nellie A. Blasor, 89, formerly of 919 4/2 N. Broadway, recently residing at the Beverly Rehabilitation Center, died at 3:55 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center. Further information and arrangements will be announced by the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway.

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